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Four war vessels sailed from New Yor Sunday on important service, viz: The Na the Wechawken, the "Lackswanns, and Iroquois. The first two are iron-clads.

Carl Schurz has been appointed to the mend of Sigel's corps, Sigel having been p at the head of the reserves.

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A finance bill has been agreed upon is satisfactory alike to the Treasury De

ment and to the Committee of 17ays Means

The New York Assembly has not yet organized. Balloting for Speaker had co ued up to Thursday last, without result, vote being a tie in every instance. On P. a bargain was consumated by .. which a Callicot, of Brooklin, elected as a demo became the candidate of the republicans. proceedings on Friday and Saturday we the most exciting character, the dem succeeding in staving off a ballot; and, at close of the session on the latter day, an journment was taken till this evening.

It was stated in the Senate yesterda Mr. Sherman of Ohio, that a conscriptio would be passed before the adjournment Congress. A bill was introduced in the consin Legislature, yesterday, that all pe in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the and none others, shall be liable to a draft

In the Senate, yesterday, the bill pl Michigan and Ohio in the 7th Judicial rict was passed. In the House, Mr. V. ver, Representative from Iowa, was dee not entitled to a seat, in collsequence holding a position in the army.

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There were reports at Richmond, a few go, that a Federal force of 80,000 men w its way to Weldon, N. C. 15,000 men of son's army have passed through Richt southward. The Merrimac No. 2, is rep to be a perfect failure, on account of top

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CAMP NEAR MURPHERSBORD, Tonn. Eps. Fr. WAYNE TIMES-Messrs , For the benefit of the friends of the 2d Brigade, I bastily drop a word in regard to the advance upon and recent battle at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

On the morning of the 25th of December, or ders were received to march. The troops to move to the front and 'the teams' to the rear, and in a few moments the line was formed and the march commenced, some down the Franklin, some down the Murfreesboro and some down the Nolinsville pikes. General Jeff. C. Davis, of McCook's corps, led the advance, Ben. Sheridan, the centre, and Gen. Johnson, the rear. 'Of our Division, the 1st Brigade, Gen. Willick led the advance, 3d Brigade, the centre, and the 2d Brigade, Gen A. Nirk, the rear. The 80th Indians led the advance of the 2d Brigade, the Sith Illinois next, 20th Indiana nexf, Battery "3", 1st Ohio Vol. Art., Captain Edgarton, next, 77th Pennsylvania and 79th Illinois following in rear of the battery.

In this order we marched one and a half miles beyond Nollinsville where we rested for the night. The following morning Gen. Johnson led the advance, Gen. Davis the centre and Gen. Sherldan the rear of the corps. Of the Division, Gen. Kirk, the advance, Gen. Wil liefr, the centre, and Col. Baldwin, the rear .-The 34th Illinois led the advance of the brigade, and so on in regular order, the 30th Indidiana following to the rear of the brigade. We had scarcely gone one mile when the report of small arms broke upon the ear with rapid acelleration. Then all was life and excitement. The advance pushing hastily forward soon gained the summit of a ridge, though, in the tuesatime; were exposed to a heavy fire of grape and shell, from a masked battery of the enebry, but, sustained no very serious damage .-Then the regiments in the rear formed into line and moved forward in support of the pickets, who, by this time bad driven the enemy to the top of another ridge, divided by a narrow valley from the rebel battery. Here, a halt was ordered, and Capt. Edgarton's battery opened fire upon that of the enemy, caus ing it to hand off at "double quick." It had not yet became light enough to render a speedy pursuit practicable, there being a very dense fog, consequently our forces were obliged to remain still until the misty curtain had partially flown, When, again our troops moved for ward, but, saw nothing more of the Confede rates until they had reached the summit of a large hill, over looking the town of "l'riune," in which were posted large bodies of the enemy's cavalry. Immediately our battery opened fire upon them, who, upon the approach of a few shells: beat a horried retreat toward their artillery, who, upon our advance opened a terrific fire of grape and shell. Their cavalry, in the meantime, hurriesly quickly to a large hill on our left and formed in line under cover of a large body of timber in the rear of the hill, dismounted and commenced paying their compliments to our skirmishers. however, they were renumerated with increased velocity and telling effect. Our skirmishers were then ordered to charge their battery, but, owing to the depth of the mud having to pass through a corn field and the heft of their bun dies; which were soaking wet, the battery was

withdrawh before our boys could reach it. Brery advantage was taken by the enemy to shell our forces as we closely pressed their tear. Shells burst dvor lead and in the rahks. Our artillery replied at every convenience which made the enemy resume his rearward move .-On we marshed in this manner until the sombre clouds of evening bade us await the

suing foe. Uur brigade lost over 200 men be fore getting out of range of their infantry. . On, and on rushed the Baughty foe; keeping up ih his advance an incessant fire, the balls filling the air with "whizzing music. Our troops now bore in direction of a section of a section of Simonson's battery, which was posted on a slight elevation a short distance off, and which o'ened a most terrible fire u; on their advancing lines, sending them feeling to the ground -Here we received reinforcements who poured volley after volley into the enemy's ranks. Now they faltered, recled and gave way; our boys caught the sight, and like a tivid flash, hope inspired their bearts, and they now pursued the flying foe, sending volley after volley, and shout upon shout from their ranks.

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Now the scene had changed, and victory perched upon the banner of the free, At this moment our centre made desperate strike reeling and leveling the foe, capturing many prisoners; and 'twas now that our cavalry (4th Regulars) completely annihilated the Texan bravos. Our entire line now pushed onward, buying the victory with the life blood of brave men. The heroes who had quietly rested the previous night on the ground they now passed over, found nearly half their number quietly reclining their mangled forms on the icy bosom of death-a ghastly fold of dead. Here lay the sacrifice for the victory we had achieved; the life blood of fathers, brothers and sons awallowed by the hungry earth; they were the victims of rebel fury. In the 2d brigade the losses are in killed, wounded and missing 8,47; which is nearly half their number. We have won a brilliant victory, but paid a derr price for it. Sadness and sorrow must inevitably visit, the hearthstone of almost every Northern fireside; a sister has lost a brother, a father a son, and alas, a wife a husband,-all must feel the shock, though separated from the deafening roar of battle.

The dead are all burried, and the wounded all tenderly cared for by their soldier comrades; but we will weep with you for the brave departed, and consign them to the God that noteth even the fall of a sparrow.

W.A. O.

A Strange Atmospheric Phenomenou.

We publish below, as received, two letters om widely separated localities, describing a singular phenomenon witnessed in the south ern sky on the evening of January 7, 1863.— One is from Mill Springs, Ky., and the other from Meigs County, O. It could hardly have from Meigs County, O. It could hardly have been witnessed from this locality, or we should have had some account of it:

MILL SPRINGS, Wayne Co, Ky., anuary 12, 1863. To the Editor of Enquirer :

While the strange and singular events of time are passing unnoticed by many, and un-cared for by the numberless, I wish to have space in your highly interesting paper to record one of the most striking and impressive nenomenon that rarely occurs in the eleights.

It was on the evening of the 7th inst. The sun had fairly gone down, leaving a halo of boasty upon the western horizon; the misty gray of twilight was stealing on with rapid pace; the gorgeous arch of Heaven was partially dotted with golden worlds, when there appeared in the has were a luminous production. ared in the heavens a luminous body, about ine feet long and two or three f et wide, pointng east and west. east and west. Suddenly there was a livnass, and then another, bounding off eastward mass, and then another, to unding on eastward y, with the rapidity of thought, followed by folumes of black smake curling, around, the parapet. The terrestrials was illuminated by the streaming balls of fire; the increasant mutthe streaming balls of fire; the incessant mut

It seemed as if the electrical batteries of Heaven were turned loose upon a sin-ruined world, and God in his infinite wisdom intended to smite, in one moment, from existence his rebellious and disobedient people with fire and sword. Gradually the deep-toned thunder feded away upon the distant -- a death-like stilles prevailed everywhere around; all was unshed into silent selemnity. The melancholy weler dry;" and morning light.

In doth Indiana were new dispatched as week from this sentinel; and the remainder of the brigade prothe arr Legis. pared their frugal meal and stretched them LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

INDIANA; WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 28, 1863.

Gen N. Sammis has gone to Europe to get

Bills were introduced reaching to No. 15. The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Treasurer of State, in reply to a resolution of the Sonate in regard to fees and saldried ... Also from the President of the Sinking Fund on the same subject.

The Treasurer says that all the fees receive ed in his office , was a small amount for exchange on New York.

The President of the Sinking Fund replies that there are no fees attached to his office; that the sum of \$1,150 77 was received as interest on temporary deposits, and \$32 from ome other source

The Hon. J. H. McDonald concluded his rgument for the contestants, and Mr. Baker, the contestor of the seat of Murry of Ethhart and Lagrange, also spoke. There was no a:tion up to adjournment.

HOUSE-JAN. 19."

Bills reaching No. 60 were introduced, chiefy local. One or two provide for the more stringent enforcement of the 13th Art. of the Constitution, which relates to negroes and mu-

Resolutions were introduced and refering to the state of the country, calling upon Lincoln, Morton and the Senators and Representatives in Congresa to labor for peace and a restoration of the Union; that Indiana will contribute no ore men and money for an abolition war; and that the representatives of the people of Indina demand that the brave soldiers from this State shall be paid, not only as their due but to keep their families at home from suffering and starvation. These resolutions were supcorted by every democrat, and referred to the ommittee on Federal Relations.

Resolutions looking to the enforcement of he Railroad laws were introduced and referred. . These resolutions have reference to the protection of life and the speedy transportation of freight

Also a resolution calling upon the Governor to furnish the House with a detailed statement of all disbursements of money by him or through his direction since the commencement of the war, at his earliest convenience.

BENATE-JAN. 20.

Petitions were presented praying the passage of a law more thoroughly preventing the immigration of free negroes and mulattoes into the State of Indiana.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Auditor of State in answer to a resolution of that body in regard to specific taxes for school purposes. Referred to Committee on Education. Alse a communication from the same source in regard to fees and salaries. Laid on the table.

Several bills were introduced; and bills up to No. 17, were read a second time and referred to appropriate committees.

The Senate agreed to concurrent resolutions of the House to go into an election for State Printer, Sinking Fund Commissioner, and State Prison Directors, at 3 o'clock P M. of 21st. HOUSE-JAN. 21.

Mr. Brown called up the report and resoluon of the committee presented yesterlay. The resolution directs the appointment of one from each Congressional District to investigate with regard to arbitrary arrests, made in the State of Indiana, & authorizing them to employ a Clerk.

Mr. Gregory introduced a resolution calling for a committee of one from each Congressional District to investigate as to the existence of secret societies in the State of Indiana. question was pending at the adjournment.

A communication from Gov. Morton, saying that he had delivered his message once not ir regularly; that he would not deliver it again was laid on the table.

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then were ordered to the right, to take our place in battle line. We now rested on the extreme right-the post of honor-and bigou ald be done last, asked for the night in a beautiful codar grove, within a half mile of 30,000 ragged dupes .-From the numerous picket fires of the enemy it was learned that he was, massing his forces in our front, consequently prompt measures were taken to avoid a surprise. Our picket line was strengthened, and instructions given nd in view of what for thein to act as skirmishers, should the ancsign of the Federal, my appear, after which, our troops, though within so short, a distance of the wlly fue, sovereignties by stretched their wearied forms to rest beneath the canopy of heaven." Everything was still, save the mouning of the forest winds through usurpation of pow- the branches of the distant trees, which lations of Federal breathed a low and plaintive wall; and seemed

" The sentinels stood motionless, peering with anxious eyes into the curtain of night, watching the many manteuvres of the mighty force which were now taking position in front with a view of attacking our small force.

. All passed smoothly and quietly, until about 3 a. m.: when a shot from one of the sent rice aternal strife shall on our right brought our whole force into line, h those who shall in which position they remained an hour, and sue be determined then withdrew to prepare their morning meal. While the sembre clouds were vanishing a sharp fire broke out on our right, sweeping down our line like a hurricane. Our reserv now snatched their guns and again formed into line, meantime Gen. Kirk and others moved up to the line to ascertain the meaning of this sharp clatter, and upon looking a few rods be yond our line saw columns by battalions, six battalions deep, rushing with hurried steps on our line, here we lay, no support to fall back on. u.i.

Gen. Johnson was no where to be found, consequently our little force were obliged to do as best they could. They bravely bated their bosoms to the storm of lead, which swept through the ranks like hail, carrying to earth its hundrede; but our men stood like marble , R. W. Aikin of Sul- walls, and never gave an inch until they were within almost grasping distance ;-then we fell back like soldiers, slowly and steadily, firing at every opportunity, until we had gone a half a mile to the rear, where we formed a line under gover of a fence, behind 'a' corn field .-Here we lay and fired until the rebels reached the opposite side of the fence, when it was discovered that the last round had been fired. whereupon we were again ordered back, which was executed in "double quick" time, having to retreat through an open field, exposed all mence suits to that term have but little time the time to a gaining cross fire from the for- 10 do so.

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A GREAT SKY SERPENT. HARRISONVILLE; Melgs Co., Ohlo,

January 12, 1863. To the Editor of Enquirer :

On the evening of the 7th of January, 1863, between sun set and dark, while the sun was sky, a great phenomenon, with every proportion and similarity of a mighty serpent; presented itself in the southern sky. My wife, on going to the door, which was facing the south, discovered it, and called me to see this new We know not liow long it may have been visible before we saw it; but from the time we that disc vered it until it vanished or thine we first discovered it. It variation to become extinct. I carefully scrutinized it. It had no wisible motion, but remained in the same place until it faded entirely away. The evening was cold and the sky perfectly clear. By the aid of a north and south line between and position in the heavens: " "The Wonderse monster only approximated the said north and south line with its head. This I determined by the fence on said line; beneath its head. Its whole body hung back on the western side of said line, pointing due west. It gradually elevated from tail to head, as if it had crawled up from the earth, at an angle of about thirty degrees, until it approached the line mention ed, where it bowed or bent its wanderful neck (precisely like a mad serpent.) looking higher up into the Eastern heavens. The whole serup into the Eastern heavens. pent as it laid, semi coiled, appeared to be from five to alk rods long, possessing twelve or thir teen solni, or half colls; the colls were as nat ural luoking as ever I saw them in the coils of a black snake. The whole monster was a bright color, like the moon. It was indeed as complete a representation of a great sorpent as could be simingined-well proportioned, with the natural taper, both at tail and neck. Its main hody appeared to be about between the a large man's thigh and a com mon man's body.

Now, this is really a large stake story; but It is no joke nor fistion. I have described this wonderful stranger just as it presented itself to my flow. There that others in the vicinity have seen it also. Have we any Daniels who can interpret this stranger's mission? Can it be South Carolina's Flag, Serpent strayed or ran away to the State of Ohio? If it is, tell her to come and get it; we wish to harbor no fugitive reptiles, black or white.

I send this to you for publication; if you wish, you can do so.

monster remained about five minutes It could not have been a meteor, certainly.

A Subscrib m. M. L. P.

Officers belonging to the southwestern rmy say that including everybody, the loss t Murfiersboto is 40,000 mis Tab .fa.

The February term of the Common Pleas Court for this county commences on the 16th of that month. Those intending to com-

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\$109,223,38 Whole amount. The report was refered to the Committee on

The joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to enable cities and towns &c., to levy and collect special taxes for school purpises, was debated at length, and finally passed.

The Message of the Governor and accompanying documents were sent in by his Excellency and laid on the table until to-moorow.

ed soldiers of the State of Indiana, was passed. The Senate went into joint session with the House in the afternoon.

HOUSE-JAN. 21.

Resolutions were adopted for the furtherance by the general government of agricultural interests; calling on the Treasurer of State to report why he has not distributed the bounty fund voted by the last Legislature for the organization of the militia; relative to the President of the Board of Benevolent Institutions; asking the Attorney Gen. to give an opinion whether Wallace had not vacated said office by accepting a position under Secretary Chase.

The greater part of the day was consumed in the discussion of Mr Gregory's resolution to investigate as to secret societies.

A letter from Indianapolis advises us that the contested seats in the Senate will probably be decided in favor of the sitting members -We presume that although the law is with the contestants, the Senators fear republican howls and back down

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE:

In the Lower House there have been over 100 ballotings for Speaker, but without success, The proceedings on the 15th inst.; are without a parallel in the United States; they were equal to the scenes witnessed when the French monarchy was in the last agonles of dissolution; when the halls of legislation eshoed the discordant cries of an infurlated mob, as they trampled under foot laws and precedents:

The following brief extract from the N. Y: Tribune show what is being done; it requires no comment : "When the journal was read by the Clerk, (abolitionist) the resolution offered by Mr. Sherwood, (dem.) and adopted the day previous, was found to read-that the tota for will be chosen --

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